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...IT IS NOW TWO DAYS SINCE THE ANCIENT NATION OF WAKANDA EXPERIENCED ITS FIRST-EVER FORCIBLE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. SHURI, THE PRINCESS REGENT AND T'CHALLA, FORMER KING OF WAKANDA, HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY AND THEIR CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.
THE NEW GOVERNMENT--WHICH HAS DECLARED ITSELF THE DESTURI, A SWAHILI WORD MEANING "TRADITION"--OVERTHREW THE ROYAL FAMILY IN A NONVIOLENT REVOLUTION.
BEHIND ME YOU CAN SEE THE JUDGES OF THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL ENTERING THE COURTROOM FOR A TRIAL THAT HAS SENT SHOCKWAVES AROUND THE WORLD.
THE TRIAL OF ORORO MUNROE, THE FORMER QUEEN OF WAKANDA.
"THE QUEEN--ALSO KNOWN AS STORM, A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE INFAMOUS MUTANT GROUP THE X-MEN--WAS ARRESTED FOLLOWING AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON AN UNARMED FARM WORKER, AND SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH TREASON, PRACTICING WITCHCRAFT, AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.
"IF CONVICTED, SHE COULD FACE LIFE IN PRISON..."

"...OR DEATH."
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS GLORIOUS HISTORY, THE NATION OF WAKANDA TEETERS ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE, REELING FROM FAMINE, PESTILENCE, DISEASED CROPS AND, WORST OF ALL, A CULTURE POISONED BY OUTSIDE INFLUENCE.
ORORO-STORM
QUEEN OF WAKANDA, X-MAN
ONCE A PROUD WARRIOR NATION, WAKANDA HAS BETRAYED ITS HERITAGE OF TEN THOUSAND YEARS.
HAS ALLOWED ITS VISION TO STRAY FROM THE SHINING PATHWAY OF DESTINY.
HAS BEEN ABANDONED BY ITS SO-CALLED 'RULERS' AND LEFT TO SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF THE WITCH WHO SHARED THE BED OF OUR FORMER KING.
NO CRIME IS MORE HEINOUS THAN THAT OF ALLOWING EVIL TO FLOURISH. THE TIME FOR SUCH SINFUL IDLENESS HAS PASSED. THE DESTURI HAVE RETURNED PEACE AND ORDER TO OUR LAND AND ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO EXPUNGE THE LAST TRACES OF FOREIGN CORRUPTION.
STATE YOUR NAME AND THE NATURE OF YOUR CRIMES.
T'HAN
LEADER OF THE DISSIDENT DESTURI GOVERNMENT.
BE DAMNED.
ZZZT!
ZZZT!
AAHHEEEEEE!

INSOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THIS COURT.
HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
PLEAD?
I SPIT ON YOUR "PLEA" AND THIS JOKE OF A COURT. I WILL NOT DEMEAN MYSELF BY PLAYING ALONG WITH THIS FARCE.
NOTE IT IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD THAT THE ACCUSED HAS ENTERED A PLEA OF "GUILTY," SAVING THIS COURT THE TIME AND EXPENSE OF A LENGTHY TRIAL.
I BELIEVE WE CAN MOVE STRAIGHT TO THE SENTENCING. DEATH IS THE TRADITIONAL WAY FOR DEALING WITH A WITCH.
KILL ME IF YOU WANT. BUT DO IT QUICKLY, BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE FOR ONE MOMENT THAT MY HUSBAND HAS ABANDONED ME. T'CHALLA IS COMING BACK FOR ME.
LET HIM COME. OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN, WAKANDA HAS NEVER BEEN CONQUERED.
IT'S YOU WHO ARE FORGETTING SOMETHING:
HE IS COMING FOR YOU.
YOU ARE NOT WAKANDA. HE IS.

WHY WOULD THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED CULTURE ON EARTH NEED ANYONE'S HELP?
MY LORD, THE TENTH LOCK IS PROVING VERY TRICKY. IT HAS A 128-BIT ENCRYPTION WITH A RANDOM CODE-SEQUENCER. THERE ARE NO CODING FOOTPRINTS AND NO BACK-DOORS THAT I CAN FIND. EVERY TIME I RUN THE MOST LIKELY CODE COMBINATIONS, I GET A SERIES OF SYMBOLS THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE.
THE REASON YOU CAN'T UNLOCK THIS CODE IS BECAUSE IT'S NOT COMPUTER ENCRYPTION AT ALL.
THESE ARE ALCHEMICAL SYMBOLS, FROM A RACE OF LIZARD-KINGS THAT DIED OUT BEFORE MANKIND DESCENDED FROM THE TREES. A BLOOD CULT BRILLIANT IN THE DARK ARTS.
ALCHEMY? BUT T'CHALLA ABHORS MAGIC! HE'S A MAN OF SCIENCE!
MM. WELL... SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO CHANGE HIS MIND.
AN INTERESTING PUZZLE. IT'S NOT WAKANDAN SORCERY. T'CHALLA SET THIS TRAP TO STOP THE DESTURI, AND IT WOULD HAVE DONE JUST THAT.
THIS MERELY REQUIRES THE CORRECT SPELL AND A SIMPLE BLOOD SACRIFICE.

AG-TH-H K'U Z-I TH AS R H S AD-R HE K...LA!
KA-KOOM!
PING!
CHILD'S PLAY.
MY LORD, SURELY T'CHALLA AND SHURI ARE PLANNING SOMETHING TO RETAKE THE THRONE. HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE?
WHATEVER KIND OF COUNTER OFFENSIVE T'CHALLA AND HIS SISTER HAVE PLANNED, IT WILL TAKE TIME. ALL I NEED IS TO CRACK THESE LAST TWO LOCKS. AFTER THAT, IT WON'T MATTER WHO RULES THIS COUNTRY. IT WILL BE A WASTELAND OF ASH AND CHARRED BONES.
NOW GET TO WORK ON THE NEXT LOCK, AKEJA. T'CHALLA ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHOSE LACK OF IMAGINATION DISAPPOINTS ME.

FOR OVER A YEAR MY INTELLIGENCE NETWORK HAD BEEN TRACKING RUMORS OF A GROUP OF DISSIDENTS CALLED THE DESTURI.
A FUNDAMENTALIST GROUP, DEEPLY XENOPHOBIC, THEY HAD INFILTRATED ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT, WITH AGENTS PLANTED IN THE MILITARY, THE PRESS, EVERYWHERE.
WAKANDA FOR WAKANDANS
NO KING = NO COUNTRY
NO KYUN
"BUT THEY WERE INVISIBLE. WE KNEW THAT THEY WERE THERE, BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW WHO THEY WERE.
"THE SCOPE OF INFILTRATION ABILITIES MEANT ONE THING: THEY HAD ACCESS TO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FAR BEYOND THE ORDINARY.
"I FOLLOWED EVERY POSSIBLE LEAD, AND GOT NOWHERE. AND THEN THE SOURCE SOUGHT ME OUT.
"SOUGHT ME OUT, LURED ME INTO A TRAP, AND NEARLY KILLED ME.
"LEARNING THE NAME OF THAT SOURCE COST ME DEARLY. NEVER WAS A NAME TRUER TO THE POTENTIAL OF ITS MEANING:
"DOOM."

ITS POWER TO AMPLIFY OR MODIFY SOUND WAVES IS WELL-KNOWN, BUT THERE IS MUCH ABOUT THIS RAREST OF METALS THAT WE HAVE NEVER SHARED WITH THE WORLD.
ONE OF OUR MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRETS IS HOW VIBRANIUM CAN AMPLIFY MYSTICAL ENERGIES. IT'S UNSTABLE WHEN USED THAT WAY, AND IT TAPS INTO AN ENERGY FLOW ON THE QUANTUM LEVEL THAT IS VIRTUALLY INFINITE.
WE'VE NEVER MASTERED THE SECRET OF USING MAGICALLY CHARGED VIBRANIUM.
I BELIEVE DOOM HAS.
DOOM IS ALREADY IMMENSELY POWERFUL. WHAT COULD HE DO WITH A SIMPLE PIECE OF METAL?
WITH A SIMPLE PIECE? HE COULD TEAR YOU APART, PIOTR, AND DO IT WITH A FLICK OF HIS HAND.
WITH THE TEN THOUSAND TONS OF IT INSIDE THE VAULT? DOOM WOULD BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE THAT EVER WALKED THIS PLANET.

I SPEAK NOW TO THE PEOPLE OF WAKANDA. I AM YOUR PRINCESS REGENT, BY RIGHT OF COMBAT AND BY THE BLESSING OF THE PANTHER GOD.
WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, I SAY TO THE DESTURI, BUT I WANT ALL WAKANDA TO BEAR WITNESS.
WE ARE NOT AT WAR WITH WAKANDA-- NOT THE ARMY, NOT THE STATE MILITIA, AND NOT THE PEOPLE. OUR WAR IS WITH THE CRIMINALS WHO HAVE STOLEN THIS LAND. OUR WAR IS WITH YOU.
THE TAKEOVER OF THE WAKANDAN GOVERNMENT IS A CRIMINAL ACT.
WE OFFER YOU ONE CHANCE TO STAND DOWN AND AVOID BLOODSHED.
ONE CHANCE.
IF YOU DISARM AND STAND DOWN, I OFFER CLEMENCY AND JUSTICE. WE WILL ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DESTURI TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR POLITICAL PROCESS, TO HAVE A VOICE IN COUNCIL.
BUT YOU WILL RELINQUISH ALL CONTROL WITHIN WAKANDA IMMEDIATELY. MY BROTHER, YOUR KING, AND I HAVE COME TO RECLAIM THAT WHICH IS OURS BY RIGHT AND BY LAW.
TAKE OUR OFFER. AVOID BLOODSHED.